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*[without reference to a Main Committee (A/69/L.54 and Add.1)]***69/268. Education for democracy***The General Assembly,*

Reaffirming the Charter of the United Nations, including the principles and purposes contained therein, and recognizing that human rights, the rule of law and democracy are interlinked and mutually reinforcing and that they belong to the universal and indivisible core values and principles of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the right of everyone to education, which is enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,² the Convention on the Rights of the Child,³ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁴ the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities⁵ and in other relevant instruments,

Recalling its resolution 67/18 of 28 November 2012 and the results of the plan of action for the second phase (2010–2014) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education,⁶ and welcoming the plan of action for the third phase (2015–2019) of the World Programme,⁷

Taking note of section VII, entitled “Supporting the global citizenship agenda through education for democracy”, of resolution 1 adopted on 20 November 2013 by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its thirty-seventh session,⁸

¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

² See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 53A (A/65/53/Add.1)*, chap. II, resolution 15/11.

⁷ *Ibid.*, *Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 53A* and corrigenda (A/69/53/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. IV, sect. A, resolution 27/12.

⁸ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Thirty-seventh session, Paris, 5–20 November 2013*, vol. 1 and corrigendum, *Resolutions*, sect. IV.



Stressing the complementarity of human rights education, training and learning and education for democracy,

Reaffirming that democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives,⁹

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration¹⁰ wherein the Member States committed themselves to sparing no effort to promote and strengthen democracy, good governance and the rule of law at national and international levels, as well as respect for all internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, and resolved to respect fully and uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to strive for the full protection and promotion in all countries of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights for all and to strengthen the capacity of all countries to implement the principles and practices of democracy and respect for human rights, including minority rights,

Recognizing that, while democracies share common features, there is no single model of democracy and that democracy does not belong to any country or region,

Mindful of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference on Human Rights,¹¹ the World Plan of Action on Education for Human Rights and Democracy adopted by the International Congress on Education for Human Rights and Democracy,¹² the World Programme for Human Rights Education proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 59/113 A of 10 December 2004 and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training,¹³

Recalling with appreciation the establishment of the United Nations Democracy Fund and the efforts of the Fund to advance the United Nations democracy agenda, as well as the operational activities in support of democratization processes carried out by the United Nations system, including by the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Development Programme,

Acknowledging the role of international, regional and other intergovernmental organizations in support of democracy,

Recognizing that education contributes to the strengthening of democracy, the realization of human rights and the achievement of all internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, the development of human potential, poverty alleviation and the fostering of greater understanding among peoples,

Recalling its resolution 68/309 of 10 September 2014, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals¹⁴ and decided that the proposal of the Open Working Group contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered, in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly,

⁹ Resolution 60/1, para. 135.

¹⁰ Resolution 55/2.

¹¹ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

¹² A/CONF.157/PC/42/Add.6.

¹³ Resolution 66/137, annex.

¹⁴ A/68/970 and Corr.1.

1. *Reaffirms* the fundamental link between democratic governance, peace, development and the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, which are interdependent and mutually reinforcing;
2. *Recalls* the Global Education First initiative launched by the Secretary-General on 26 September 2012, in particular its third priority area on fostering global citizenship;
3. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, United Nations agencies such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen their efforts to promote the values of peace, human rights, democracy, respect for religious and cultural diversity and justice through education;
4. *Strongly encourages* Member States to integrate education for democracy, along with civic education and human rights education, into their education standards and to develop and strengthen programmes, curricula and curricular and extracurricular educational activities aimed at the promotion and consolidation of democratic values and democratic governance and human rights, taking into account innovative approaches and best practices in the field, in order to facilitate citizens' empowerment and participation in political life and policymaking at all levels;
5. *Invites* United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, including the United Nations Democracy Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to provide appropriate expertise and resources for the development of relevant educational programmes and materials for democracy;
6. *Encourages* international, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, within their respective mandates, to share their best practices and experiences in the field of education for democracy, including but not limited to civic education, with each other and with the United Nations system, as appropriate;
7. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the issue of education for democracy at its seventy-first session, under the agenda item entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields";
8. *Invites* Governments, the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts to promote education for democracy, requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, within existing reporting obligations, to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session on the implementation of the present resolution, and invites the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the right to education, within his existing mandate, to contribute to the report of the Secretary-General.

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69/269. Statute of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 64/13 of 10 November 2009, by which it designated 18 July as Nelson Mandela International Day, which has been observed by the United Nations every year since 2010,

Recalling also its resolution 68/275 of 6 June 2014, by which it established the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize, which will be honorary in nature, as a tribute to the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals to the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Decides to adopt the statute of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize, as annexed to the present resolution.

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Annex

Statute of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize

Article 1

Aim

1. The aim of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/275 of 6 June 2014, is to recognize the achievements of those who dedicate their lives to the service of humanity, by promoting the purposes and principles of the United Nations while honouring and paying homage to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's extraordinary life and legacy of reconciliation, political transition and social transformation.

Article 2

Prize

1. The Prize shall be presented once every five years as a tribute to the outstanding achievements and contributions of two individuals (one female and one male), not to be selected from the same geographic region, and shall take into

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account the geographic region of the previous awardees so as to ensure equitable balance. The Prize shall be awarded in recognition of their dedicated service to humanity, in the promotion of reconciliation and social cohesion, and in community development, guided by the purposes and principles of the United Nations. No current staff member of any organization of the United Nations system shall be eligible for the Prize.

2. The Prize, to be awarded to each winner, in recognition of the humility of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, shall be a plaque engraved with an appropriate citation and a relevant quotation. The quotation shall be determined by the Committee for the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize (see article 4 below), in consultation with the Secretary-General.

3. The individuals who are to receive the Prize shall be announced in May of the year in which the Prize is to be awarded. The Prize shall be presented by the Secretary-General at an award ceremony that shall be part of the commemoration by the General Assembly of Nelson Mandela International Day (18 July) at United Nations Headquarters.

4. The first Prize is expected to be awarded in 2015. The Committee is requested, on an exceptional, one-time basis, to take appropriate streamlined measures for the first bestowing of the Prize.

Article 3

Nomination of candidates

1. Written nominations for the Prize may be received from the following:

(a) Governments of Member States and observer States of the United Nations;

(b) Entities and intergovernmental organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Institutions of higher education, in particular universities and other educational establishments, which provide a programme of education beyond secondary education, grant post-secondary degrees and are approved and/or accredited as institutions of higher education by the competent authorities of Member States, as well as independent research centres and institutes that are engaged in dedicated service to humanity, the promotion of reconciliation and social cohesion, and community development;

(d) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

(e) Laureates of the Prize, unless they are currently serving on the Committee.

2. The secretariat of the Committee shall publicize the Prize on existing websites of the United Nations and through existing communication and outreach channels. Nominations shall reach the secretariat not later than 31 December of the year prior to the year for which the nominations are to be considered. The secretariat shall transmit nominations received, in accordance with the present statute, to the members of the Committee.

3. The Committee shall, if possible, be convened during the month of March of the year in which the Prize is to be awarded, to select the two laureates for that year.

Article 4
Committee

1. The individuals who are to receive the Prize shall be selected by the Committee (see article 2, paragraph 2, above), to be composed of the following:

(a) Five representatives of States Members of the United Nations, one to be selected by each of the five regional groups, namely, African States, Asia-Pacific States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States, and Western European and other States, for a period of five years;

(b) A representative of the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations, to serve as ex officio member of the Committee;

(c) The President of the General Assembly, who shall serve as Chair of the Committee.

2. The Committee shall select five eminent individuals, based on equitable geographical representation, who have made significant contributions to the service of humanity and to promoting the purposes and principles of the United Nations. Such eminent persons shall be honorary members of the Committee and shall serve in an advisory capacity for a specific term during the selection process every five years, which may be renewed as the Committee may decide. For those eminent persons who are not present in New York, their contributions shall be shared in writing or virtually, as appropriate.

3. The Department of Public Information of the Secretariat shall serve as the secretariat of the Committee.

4. The seven members of the Committee shall make their decisions by consensus and the Committee may adopt its own working methods.



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69/270. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/18 of 10 November 1978, 50/3 of 16 October 1995, 52/2 of 17 October 1997, 54/25 of 15 November 1999, 56/45 of 7 December 2001, 57/43 of 21 November 2002, 59/22 of 8 November 2004, 61/7 of 20 October 2006, 63/236 of 22 December 2008, 65/263 of 14 January 2011 and 67/137 of 18 December 2012, as well as its decision 53/453 of 18 December 1998,

Recalling also its resolutions 61/266 of 16 May 2007, 63/306 of 9 September 2009, 65/311 of 19 July 2011 and 67/292 of 24 July 2013 on multilingualism,

Considering that the International Organization of la Francophonie, which is made up of 76 States Members of the United Nations, representing more than one third of the members of the General Assembly, is promoting multilateral cooperation in areas of common interest,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations through regional cooperation,

Bearing in mind also that, according to the Charter of la Francophonie, adopted on 23 November 2005 at the Ministerial Conference of la Francophonie, held in Antananarivo, the objectives of the International Organization of la Francophonie are to assist in the establishment and development of democracy, the prevention, management and settlement of conflicts, support for the rule of law and for human rights, the intensification of dialogue between cultures and civilizations, the establishment of closer ties among peoples through mutual knowledge, the strengthening of their solidarity through multilateral cooperation activities with a view to promoting the growth of their economies, and the promotion of education and training,

Welcoming the steps taken by the International Organization of la Francophonie to strengthen its ties with the organizations of the United Nations system and with international and regional organizations with a view to attaining its objectives,

Affirming the importance of a balanced and effective multilateral system that is representative of today's world, one that is based upon a strong and renewed United Nations,

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Noting with satisfaction the commitment of the International Organization of la Francophonie to human rights, multilingualism and multilateral cooperation for peace, democratic governance and the rule of law, economic governance and solidarity, sustainable development and its financing, especially poverty eradication, protection of the environment, combating climate change and countering terrorism in all its forms,

Noting with satisfaction also the commitments made in "The future we want", the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012,¹ particularly those aimed at accelerating the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, and reaffirmed by the Heads of State and Government of countries using French as a common language at the fifteenth Summit of la Francophonie, held in Dakar on 29 and 30 November 2014, together with an undertaking to play an active role in formulating and implementing the post-2015 development agenda and a determination to implement national sustainable development strategies to make an effective contribution to eradicating poverty and protecting the environment,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 67/137,²

Noting with satisfaction the substantial progress achieved in cooperation between the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies and programmes and the International Organization of la Francophonie,

Convinced that strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie serves the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting the will of the two organizations to consolidate, develop and strengthen the ties that exist between them in the political, economic, social and cultural fields with respect to each of the pillars of international peace and security, development and human rights,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,² and welcomes the strengthened and fruitful cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

2. *Notes with satisfaction*, in accordance with the declaration adopted by the Heads of State and Government of countries using French as a common language at the fifteenth Summit of la Francophonie, the active participation of the International Organization of la Francophonie in the work of the United Nations, among whose purposes, as set forth in its Charter, are to maintain international peace and security, to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples and respect for the principle of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of those common ends;

3. *Also notes with satisfaction* the continued strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie

¹ Resolution 66/288, annex.

² See A/69/228-S/2014/560, sect. II.

in the area of human rights and in the promotion of gender equality, and commends the initiatives taken by the International Organization of la Francophonie in the areas of crisis and conflict prevention, management and resolution, the promotion of peace, support for democracy and the rule of law, full respect for human rights and good governance, the fight against impunity and the promotion of international criminal justice, in accordance with the commitments set forth in its Bamako Declaration of 3 November 2000 on the practices of democracy, rights and freedoms in the francophone world,³ and reaffirmed at the Ministerial Conference of la Francophonie on Conflict Prevention and Human Security, held on 13 and 14 May 2006 in Saint Boniface, Canada;

4. *Welcomes* the involvement of the International Organization of la Francophonie in high-level consultations on the Sahel and its genuine contribution, in cooperation with, among others, the United Nations, to crisis resolution and recovery and to peacebuilding in Burkina Faso, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Madagascar and Tunisia, and in the Sahel, including Mali and the Niger;

5. *Also welcomes* the strengthened cooperation between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Organization of la Francophonie, including to provide support for French-speaking countries in the context of the universal periodic review and other human rights mechanisms, and further welcomes the renewal of the cooperation agreement between the two organizations for the period 2014–2015 and of the programmes implemented since the renewal of the agreement, in the three areas of cooperation, namely, the provision of support for human rights instruments, the promotion of human rights in crisis prevention and peacekeeping, and the promotion of diversity and the fight against discrimination;

6. *Expresses its deep concern* about the continued violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, including in countries in crisis or emerging from crisis, and particularly against women and children, and welcomes the signing in May 2014 of the cooperation agreement between the International Organization of la Francophonie and the International Committee of the Red Cross;

7. *Welcomes* the development of cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie, with the participation of other regional and subregional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, in the fields of early warning and crisis and conflict prevention, encourages the pursuit of this initiative with a view to formulating practical recommendations to facilitate the establishment of relevant operational mechanisms, where necessary, and invites the relevant stakeholders to redouble their efforts to reduce risks and latent vulnerabilities, including by considering the development of risk management and resilience strategies;

8. *Recognizes*, as part of the cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie, the interest in intensifying efforts to move from early warning to rapid response and the need to promote the full participation of women and youth in conflict prevention, management and resolution mechanisms through their involvement in negotiation and peace agreement processes;

³ A/55/731, annex.

9. *Welcomes* the impetus given to the participation of States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie in peacekeeping operations, while recalling that it is up to the United Nations to preserve multilingualism and the Secretariat to integrate multilingualism in the activities of these operations, and draws attention to the strengthened cooperation between the International Organization of la Francophonie, on the one hand, and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support of the Secretariat, on the other, with a view to increasing the number of French-speaking personnel, including women, involved in United Nations peacekeeping operations;

10. *Notes* that a large number of civilian and military peacekeeping personnel are deployed by the United Nations in francophone countries, and in this regard encourages the continuation of efforts by the States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie and by the Organization itself, taking into account the authority of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to increase the supply of French-speaking civilian and military contingents on missions to francophone countries and to build their capacities, including access by French-speaking personnel to leadership positions in peacekeeping operations in francophone countries;

11. *Welcomes* the launch in January 2014 of the Francophone Expertise and Training Network for Peace Operations, attended by high-level representatives of the United Nations Secretariat, and the fruitful cooperation that it has established with the Secretariat, particularly with the Police Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, to strengthen the francophone presence in peacekeeping operations;

12. *Also welcomes* the contributions of francophone countries and of the International Organization of la Francophonie to the consultations of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations, created by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to make an assessment of peacekeeping operations, and notes their expectations for greater recognition, where appropriate, of the language dimension for the proper implementation of mandates;

13. *Further welcomes* the participation of the International Organization of la Francophonie in the work of the Peacebuilding Commission on Burundi, the Central African Republic, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau, and strongly encourages the International Organization of la Francophonie and the Peacebuilding Commission to continue to cooperate actively;

14. *Welcomes* the involvement of the International Organization of la Francophonie in promoting international criminal justice, as well as the signing of a partnership agreement between the International Organization of la Francophonie and the International Criminal Court, which illustrates the role played by the International Organization of la Francophonie in protecting human rights, restoring the rule of law and combating impunity;

15. *Also welcomes* the importance given by the States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie to cooperating in the area of international criminal justice and facilitating the development of judicial cooperation procedures between States, which is essential in prosecuting perpetrators of the most serious crimes;

16. *Further welcomes* the efforts of the International Organization of la Francophonie to establish democratic governance of security systems and to define a francophone position with regard to justice, truth and reconciliation in order to support French-speaking States in crisis and in transition;

17. *Notes with satisfaction* the development of collaboration between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie in electoral monitoring and assistance, and encourages the strengthening of cooperation between the two organizations in that area;

18. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for including the International Organization of la Francophonie in the periodic meetings he holds with heads of regional organizations, and invites him to continue to do so, taking into account the role played by the International Organization of la Francophonie in conflict prevention and support for democracy and the rule of law;

19. *Notes* the commitment of States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie to improve global governance so as to promote a balanced multilateral system which assures permanent and equitable representation of Africa in decision-making bodies;

20. *Also notes* the firm commitment by the States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie, at its fifteenth summit, to pursue efforts:

(a) To integrate the concerns of women and youth in public policies with regard to their roles in all spheres of political, economic and social life;

(b) To strengthen actions against terrorism, which threatens international peace and security, and to support efforts aimed at securing borders and international and regional cooperation addressing the establishment of terrorist networks and cross-border crime;

(c) To implement the commitments by member States, in accordance with international law, in the area of the fight against terrorism, including the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, especially those demanding a stop to the financing of terrorism and the harbouring of terrorists;

(d) To promote, on the basis of the economic and youth strategies of the International Organization of la Francophonie, an inclusive economy based on the promotion of human capital, local development, protection of natural capital and mitigating vulnerability to climate change, as well as a basic education, a higher education and quality vocational and technical training accessible to all;

(e) To act for the achievement of sustainable, equitable and inclusive growth within the post-2015 development agenda and to take into account priorities with regard to women and youth, and, within the framework of the sustainable development goals, to commit to a multidimensional approach to sustainable human development and to mobilize for a universal, ambitious, just and equitable agreement, in accordance with the principles and provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;⁴

21. *Invites* the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as the regional commissions, including the Economic Commission for Africa, to collaborate with the Secretary-General of la Francophonie by identifying new synergies in favour of sustainable development, in particular in the areas of poverty eradication, economic growth, energy, the environment and the fight against climate change, culture, education, training and the development of new information technologies, in particular with a view to achieving the

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and the sustainable development goals, to the benefit of all, including children, young people and women;

22. *Welcomes* the renewal of the agreement between the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the International Organization of la Francophonie, on 6 June 2014, as well as their cooperation, in particular in such areas as women's participation in political decision-making and in economic, social and cultural life, advocacy for the equality of women and men, the integration of gender equality into sustainable development and combating violence against women and girls, and invites the two institutions to strengthen their cooperation in the elaboration and implementation of the post-2015 development agenda;

23. *Also welcomes* the will expressed by the International Organization of la Francophonie to contribute to the success of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015, the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, to be held in New York from 4 to 15 May 2015, the third International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held in Addis Ababa from 13 to 16 July 2015, the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, to be held in New York from 25 to 27 September 2015, the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held in Paris from 30 November to 11 December 2015, and the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held in Quito during the week of 17 October 2016;

24. *Further welcomes* the cooperation between the World Intellectual Property Organization and the International Organization of la Francophonie to implement the memorandum of understanding between the two organizations aimed at intensifying their technical cooperation efforts for the benefit of their members;

25. *Expresses its gratitude* to the International Organization of la Francophonie for the steps it has taken in recent years to promote cultural and linguistic diversity and dialogue between cultures and civilizations, and encourages the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie to cooperate more closely to ensure full respect for provisions on multilingualism;

26. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of la Francophonie for their sustained efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the two organizations, thereby serving their mutual interests in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

27. *Welcomes* the involvement of the countries that use French as a common language, particularly through the International Organization of la Francophonie, in the preparation for, conduct of and follow-up to international conferences organized under the auspices of the United Nations, as witnessed at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development, held in New York on 23 September 2013, the Climate Summit, held in New York on 23 September 2014, the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held in Apia from 1 to 4 September 2014, and the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Lima from 1 to 12 December 2014;

28. *Also welcomes* the high-level meetings held periodically between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of la Francophonie, and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in

cooperation with the Secretary-General of la Francophonie, to encourage the holding of periodic meetings between their representatives in order to promote the exchange of information, coordination of activities and identification of new areas of cooperation;

29. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take the steps necessary, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of la Francophonie, to continue to promote cooperation between the two organizations;

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

31. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie".

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Referring to its resolution 58/85 of 9 December 2003, by which it granted the GUUAM observer status in the General Assembly, and its resolution 67/109 of 17 December 2012, in which it took note that GUUAM had been transformed into the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM by the Heads of State of members of the organization in their Kyiv Declaration of 23 May 2006,¹

Recalling that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of a political, economic, social, cultural or humanitarian nature,

Referring to Security Council resolution 1631 (2005) of 17 October 2005, in which the Council recalled its invitation to regional organizations to improve coordination with the United Nations and the Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security, adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1994,²

Acknowledging the efforts of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM to develop partnership relations with the United Nations and its Member States, based on the principles of sovereign equality, mutual respect and mutually beneficial cooperation, as well as on the commitment to democratic values, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Convinced that further developing cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM will further contribute to the promotion of the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,³

¹ A/60/875-S/2006/364, annex I.

² Resolution 49/57, annex.

³ See A/69/228-S/2014/560, sect. II.



1. *Takes note* of the activity of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM aimed at promoting regional cooperation in various areas such as trade and economic development, energy, transportation, agriculture, disaster management, culture, science, education, public health, youth, tourism and sport, as well as countering terrorism, drug trafficking, organized crime, human trafficking, illegal migration and other types of criminal activity of a transnational nature, which contributes to the attainment of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, and to that end welcomes the intention of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM to cooperate with the Economic Commission for Europe and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
2. *Emphasizes* the importance of strengthening dialogue, cooperation and coordination between the United Nations system and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, and to that end invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to engage in regular consultations with the Secretary-General of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM, utilizing for that purpose the appropriate inter-institutional forums and formats, including the annual consultations between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the heads of regional organizations;
3. *Invites* the specialized agencies, components, organizations, programmes and funds of the United Nations system to cooperate and develop direct contacts with the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM for the joint implementation of projects aimed at the attainment of common objectives, and in that context takes note of the existing practice of cooperation between the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including the Afghan Opiate Trade Project of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the joint project of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime entitled “Strengthening capacities of the GUAM member States to cooperate at the national and regional levels in combating money-laundering as well as in seizing and confiscating crime proceeds”;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;
5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations”, the sub-item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM”.

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*[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/702/Add.1)]***69/272. Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat***The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 59/272 of 23 December 2004 and 60/254 of 8 May 2006, section I of its resolution 60/260 of 8 May 2006 and its resolutions 60/283 of 7 July 2006, 61/245 of 22 December 2006, 63/276 of 7 April 2009, 64/259 of 29 March 2010, 66/257 of 9 April 2012, 67/253 of 12 April 2013 and 68/264 of 9 April 2014,

Reaffirming its commitment to strengthening accountability in the United Nations Secretariat and the accountability of the Secretary-General for the performance of the Secretariat to all Member States,

Emphasizing that accountability is a central pillar of effective and efficient management that requires attention and strong commitment at all levels of the Secretariat, especially at the highest level,

Recognizing and reaffirming the important role of the oversight bodies in the development of an accountability system that is relevant to the United Nations,

Having considered the fourth progress report of the Secretary-General on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. *Takes note* of the fourth progress report of the Secretary-General on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat;¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Emphasizes* the importance of promoting a culture of accountability, results-based management, enterprise risk management and internal control at all levels in the Secretariat through the continued leadership and commitment of senior

¹ A/69/676.² A/69/802.

managers, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General take appropriate measures to that end, including the training of relevant staff;

4. *Reiterates* the provisions of paragraphs 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 19 of section I of its resolution 66/257;

5. *Also reiterates* the provisions of paragraphs 8, 26 and 28 of its resolution 68/264;

6. *Stresses* the role and responsibility of the Management Committee in promoting and advancing the accountability system as a whole;

Enterprise risk management system and internal control framework

7. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made towards strengthening the enterprise risk management system, including the development of a risk register, the establishment of a governance structure for enterprise risk management and the designation of a corporate risk owner for each of the six critical risks identified, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to implement and embed enterprise risk management throughout the United Nations by managing and mitigating the identified risks, in particular the six most critical risks, and developing concrete risk treatment action plans, and to report thereon in the context of the next progress report on accountability;

8. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Secretary-General to implement a coherent and integrated enterprise risk management system that will contribute to embedding or fostering a culture of risk management in the working habits of staff members of the Secretariat, and requests him to ensure the continued commitment at all levels of the governance structure in order to achieve that goal, and to report on concrete actions taken in this regard in the context of the next progress report on accountability;

9. *Looks forward* to the results of the pilot implementation of the enterprise risk management system at the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and emphasizes the importance of identifying and sharing lessons learned and best practices with regard to its implementation with other field missions during the phased implementation at those missions;

Results-based management

10. *Reaffirms* that results-based management and performance reporting are essential pillars of a comprehensive accountability framework;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of its resolution 68/264, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General identify appropriate methods and tools to portray the efficiency with which the Secretariat undertakes its work;

12. *Notes* the progress made on the implementation of the recommendations of the results-based management working group, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to accelerate the implementation of the results-based management framework throughout the Secretariat in a phased manner, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 6 of its resolution 67/253;

13. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the steps taken to promote a culture of self-evaluation throughout the Organization and to mainstream the use of relevant monitoring and evaluation tools in programme planning and implementation, requests him to continue to provide staff with adequate training, and looks forward

to receiving updated information on the results of the pilot for strengthening the self-evaluation capacity in the Department of Management of the Secretariat;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the next progress report on accountability a detailed plan, with a fixed time frame and clear milestones, for the implementation of results-based management as part of the regular functioning of the Organization;

15. *Reaffirms* the recommendations contained in paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee,³ as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/259, and requests the Secretary-General to include a status update in the context of the next progress report on accountability;

Personal accountability

16. *Emphasizes* the importance of establishing and fully implementing real, effective and efficient mechanisms that foster institutional and personal accountability at all levels;

17. *Reiterates* that compacts and end-of-year assessments are unique accountability tools for senior managers and contribute to transparency in the Organization;

18. *Reiterates its requests* to the Secretary-General to take further concrete measures to ensure that the compacts system becomes a meaningful and powerful instrument of accountability, to take actions to address systemic issues that prevent managers from meeting their targets, in particular those related to compliance with the recruitment timeline, and to report to the General Assembly on the progress achieved in this regard in the context of the next progress report on accountability;

19. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee,² and requests the Secretary-General to include additional objectives and indicators in the senior managers' compacts in order to assess the performance of senior managers with respect to the effective and efficient management of resources, and to provide an update in this regard in the next progress report on accountability;

20. *Notes with appreciation* the inclusion in the senior managers' compacts for 2015 of a new standard managerial indicator related to the timely issuance of documentation to intergovernmental bodies and General Assembly committees, as requested by the Assembly in its resolution 69/250 of 29 December 2014, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that it continues to be included in future compacts;

Strengthening accountability in field missions

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue efforts to strengthen accountability in all sectors of field missions and to ensure the full implementation of the zero-tolerance policy of the Organization regarding any kind of sexual exploitation and abuse, and looks forward to its consideration of the matter in the context of the next report on cross-cutting issues related to peacekeeping operations;

³ A/64/683 and Corr.1.

International Public Sector Accounting Standards and the Umoja enterprise resource planning system

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen and improve the accountability framework by taking advantage of the benefits related to the deployment of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards and the Umoja enterprise resource planning system, and requests him to report thereon in the context of the next progress report on accountability;

23. *Recalls* paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee,² emphasizes that a lack of adequate information for decision-making processes continues to hamper the ability of the Organization to achieve the goals set out in the enhanced accountability framework and to establish an appropriate performance measurement and reporting system, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to present his detailed plan to deal with the current weaknesses related to the data and information needs of the Organization in the areas of programme planning, monitoring and reporting;

Ethics and accountability

24. *Notes* the continuing efforts and recent initiatives undertaken by the Secretariat to strengthen ethics in the Organization, including the ethics and reputational risk assessment referred to in paragraph 86 of the report of the Secretary-General, and emphasizes the importance of enhancing the processes and responses of the Organization to ensure that it encourages the reporting of serious misconduct, protects whistle-blowers from retaliation and intervenes to prevent retaliation;

Strengthening accountability in procurement

25. *Recalls* paragraph 33 of the report of the Advisory Committee,² and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the procurement training programme fully addresses the provisions of the United Nations Procurement Manual regarding the respective roles of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts and the local committees on contracts in the procurement process and that the general principles of United Nations procurement are taken into account in developing an accountability system;

Other matters

26. *Recalls* paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee,² notes the comments of the Committee with regard to the chain of decision-making and the effectiveness of internal controls, requests the Secretary-General to hold staff members, in particular senior managers, accountable for misconduct, and stresses the need to address mismanagement and poor decision-making in an effective manner, in particular to reduce such instances by sharing best practices and lessons learned;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit for its consideration an annual report on progress made towards the implementation of the accountability framework, and encourages him to consider including information on accountability with respect to the issues contained in sections III to VIII of his report in the reports on related substantive agenda items;

28. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed seventieth session on the implementation of the accountability framework, and decides to revert to the question of the frequency of future progress reports on accountability in the context of that report.

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69/273. Procurement

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/14 of 29 October 1999, 55/247 of 12 April 2001, 57/279 of 20 December 2002, 58/276 and 58/277 of 23 December 2003, 59/288 of 13 April 2005, 60/1 of 16 September 2005 and 60/260 of 8 May 2006, section VII of its resolution 60/266 of 30 June 2006, its resolution 61/246 of 22 December 2006, section XIX of its resolution 61/276 of 29 June 2007, its resolution 62/269 of 20 June 2008, section IV of its resolution 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and its resolution 68/263 of 9 April 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations procurement activities¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Having also considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of long-term agreements in procurement in the United Nations system³ and the related note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Reaffirms* the need for the United Nations procurement system to be transparent, open, impartial and cost-effective, based on a competitive procedure and fully reflecting the international character of the United Nations;
4. *Stresses* that best value for money; fairness, integrity and transparency; effective international competition; and the interest of the United Nations remain the

¹ A/69/710.² A/69/809.³ A/69/73.⁴ A/69/73/Add.1.

four general principles for United Nations procurement, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that those principles are adhered to in all United Nations procurement activities;

5. *Recognizes* the progress made and the key initiatives undertaken by the Secretary-General to advance a strategic approach to procurement and enhance the acquisition process for critical requirements, and requests the Secretary-General to continue such initiatives;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide information, in his future reports on the subject, on the impact of Umoja on the procurement process, including the elimination of duplicate procurement processes;

7. *Notes* the efforts made by the Secretary-General to establish the supply chain module in Umoja, also notes the improved governance of procurement functions to include procurement operations in peacekeeping missions, special political missions, offices away from Headquarters and tribunals, while establishing a clear responsibility and accountability framework, and requests the Secretary-General to provide enhanced visibility of information on vendors that are awarded contracts and purchase orders;

8. *Recalls* paragraphs 11 and 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to address the challenges identified therein with regard to information and communications technology procurement;

9. *Welcomes* the conclusion of the pilot project on the request for proposal exercise, and looks forward to information on the advantages and disadvantages of the practice of using both invitation to bid and request for proposal methodologies in the procurement of aviation services in the next report of the Secretary-General;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 51 of its resolution 65/289, in which it requested that the Secretary-General ensure full transparency in developing the request for proposal methodology for the acquisition of air services, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of this methodology is fair and transparent, as appropriate;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and stresses the importance of developing a transparent system in the implementation of the electronic tendering pilot project that gives equal opportunity to all potential vendors, bearing in mind technology challenges in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and requests the Secretary-General to submit an assessment of the pilot project in his next report on procurement;

12. *Welcomes* the continuation of the independent procurement challenge system, the Award Review Board, and its phased expansion to also cover offices away from Headquarters, regional commissions and tribunals, and peacekeeping and special political missions, and requests the Secretary-General to provide in his next report an update on the development of the Board, including on the feasibility of lowering the financial threshold for vendors to submit a procurement challenge;

13. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General and the overall progress made in strengthening internal controls in procurement, including improved vendor management, with an emphasis on fostering a culture of ethics and integrity among staff members and vendors;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary-General to ensure transparency in conducting the activities of the

Vendor Review Committee, and looks forward to continued reporting on the activities of that Committee in his future reports;

15. *Also recalls* paragraph 25 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to promote procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, so as to develop a vendor roster that is more representative of the membership of the Organization, and to report thereon in his next progress report on United Nations procurement activities;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore additional innovative ways to promote procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition at Headquarters and field offices, and to report on concrete measures taken in this regard;

17. *Recognizes* the efforts by the Secretariat to increase the number of business seminars in developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to encourage the entities of the United Nations system to participate in the business seminars in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage interested local vendors to apply for registration on the United Nations Secretariat vendor roster, with a view to broadening its geographical base;

19. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides to establish the Regional Procurement Office in Entebbe, Uganda, as a regular office within the Procurement Division of the Secretariat, and looks forward to receiving updates on the functions of the Office in the context of the global service delivery model;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General not to proceed with a pilot project on sustainable procurement at this time;

21. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts made by the Secretariat to implement joint procurement with United Nations system organizations, and emphasizes that, when it does so, the four general principles of financial regulation 5.12 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations⁵ shall apply;

22. *Acknowledges* recommendation 5 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit.³

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⁵ ST/SGB/2013/4.



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*[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/422/Add.2)]***69/274. Special subjects relating to the programme budget
for the biennium 2014–2015***The General Assembly,***I****Subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers
in the Courts of Cambodia***Recalling* section I of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014,*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Affirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia;
4. *Recalls* paragraph 39 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and, without prejudice to the voluntary nature of the current funding arrangements, should there be a further need to submit to the General Assembly resource proposals relating to the Extraordinary Chambers, requests the Secretary-General to ensure detailed justification of the requirements;
5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 12.1 million United States dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of commitment authority in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

¹ A/69/536.² A/69/652.

6. *Encourages* all Member States to provide voluntary support for both the international and national components of the Extraordinary Chambers, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his intensive efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, including by broadening the donor base, for funding the future activities of the Extraordinary Chambers;

II

Strategic capital review

Recalling section III of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, section V of its resolution 68/247 B and section VII, paragraph 13, of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the strategic capital review³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;⁴
3. *Welcomes* the progress made in the development of long-term capital maintenance programmes under the strategic capital review;
4. *Acknowledges* the important role played by host countries in facilitating the maintenance and construction of United Nations facilities, and stresses the value of continued collaboration with host countries in this regard;
5. *Reaffirms* section V, paragraph 4, of its resolution 68/247 B, and in this context stresses the importance of eliminating physical, communication and technical barriers for persons with disabilities;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Central Support Services of the Department of Management of the Secretariat to ensure that best practices and lessons learned from the strategic capital review are disseminated among duty stations;
7. *Recalls* section V, paragraph 3, of its resolution 68/247 B, and stresses that the development of a long-term capital programme should include within its scope a prioritization strategy for the global premises of the United Nations Secretariat;
8. *Also recalls* section V, paragraph 6, of its resolution 68/247 B, and reaffirms that any potential proposals stemming from the strategic capital review with budgetary implications should follow the procedure set out in the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;⁵
9. *Further recalls* paragraphs 31, 39 and 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to better assess the potential costs and benefits of a preventive maintenance programme, as compared with the existing reactive approach, including through a more in-depth analysis of the life-cycle replacement methodology, as well as a comparison with the application of similar strategies in other public entities, and to report thereon in the next progress report;
10. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring the availability of appropriate in-house expertise in the context of the implementation of the strategic capital review, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

³ A/69/760.

⁴ A/69/811.

⁵ ST/SGB/2013/4.

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance with United Nations rules and procedures and General Assembly resolutions governing procurement in the implementation of capital projects;

12. *Reaffirms* the importance of oversight with respect to the implementation of the strategic capital review, and requests the Secretary-General to put in place appropriate oversight mechanisms in this regard;

III

Conclusions of the High-level Working Group on Programme Criticality

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 65/259, section V of its resolution 67/254 A of 12 April 2013 and paragraph 28 of its resolution 69/133 of 12 December 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁶
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Commends* the commitment of the United Nations personnel who stay and deliver programmes, even in dangerous environments;
4. *Acknowledges* the programme criticality framework as an instrument to assist managers in the field to take time-sensitive decisions to prioritize programme activities in specific locations in response to changes in local security conditions;
5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue the consistent implementation of the programme criticality framework as an operational tool allowing informed decisions on acceptable risk to United Nations personnel;
6. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to invite the heads of participating organizations to promote the inclusion in the programme criticality framework of forms of risk other than security risks;
7. *Also recalls* paragraph 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee, regrets that the Secretary-General did not transmit the full report of the High-level Working Group on Programme Criticality, and requests him to provide it in the context of his relevant report to the General Assembly as a matter of priority;

IV

Standards of accommodation for air travel

Recalling its resolution 42/214 of 21 December 1987, section IV, paragraph 14, of its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998, section XV of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section II of its resolution 63/268 of 7 April 2009, section IV of its resolution 65/268 of 4 April 2011 and section VI of its resolution 67/254 A, as well as its decision 57/589 of 18 June 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁹

⁶ A/69/530.

⁷ A/69/786.

⁸ A/69/643 and Corr.1.

⁹ A/69/787.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁸
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,⁹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Notes with concern* that, notwithstanding its previous request to limit the use of exceptions to the standards of accommodation, their frequency and related costs continue to increase, and requests the Secretary-General to take immediate action to limit the use of exceptions, to strengthen internal controls in this regard, to conduct an analysis of the trends in the use of exceptions and to report thereon in the next report to the General Assembly;
4. *Recalls* paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that prominent traveller status is not transferable, to establish a clear definition and a common set of criteria for determining the prominent traveller status of individuals and to report thereon in the context of the next report to the General Assembly;
5. *Notes with regret* that the Secretary-General has not provided the information requested by the General Assembly in section VI, paragraph 6, of its resolution 67/254 A, and stresses the importance of the provision of accurate, complete and comprehensible data as the basis for sound management and effective oversight of all costs relating to air travel;
6. *Notes with concern* the lack of transparency on system-wide travel data, and recalls the concerns expressed in paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to monitor industry best practices in the area of frequent flyer miles and to report to the General Assembly on any new trends for making use of frequent flyer miles to improve the administration of travel;
8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to hold managers accountable for the judicious use of travel resources, in particular by encouraging the use of alternative methods of communication and representation and by giving primary consideration to authorizing official travel only where direct face-to-face contact is necessary for mandate implementation;
9. *Emphasizes* the importance of implementing all of the recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the comprehensive audit of air travel activities and related practices,¹⁰ and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to provide detailed updates on their implementation in the context of future reports on this subject;
10. *Recalls* paragraphs 32 to 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide in his next report comprehensive information on air travel activities;
11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget, comprehensive information and a tabular presentation on air travel, as well as the travel-related expenditures of and provisions sought for each department or office across all sections of the budget;
12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the overview report on peacekeeping operations, comprehensive information and a tabular presentation on air travel, as well as the travel-related expenditures of and provisions sought for each mission and under the support account for peacekeeping operations;

¹⁰ A/67/695.

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, in the context of the report mentioned in paragraph 10 above, consolidated data on the gains achieved through the implementation of section VI of its resolution 67/254 A;

14. *Looks forward* to the successful roll-out of Umoja in air travel business administration of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, in the context of the next report on this question, comprehensive information on the effects of the implementation of Umoja in travel administration, including updated information, trends and analysis in all areas relating to air travel in the United Nations;

V

Operational arrangements and conditions of service of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Recalling its resolution 68/246 and decision 68/549 A of 27 December 2013,

Having considered the letter dated 12 November 2013 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee, and the annex thereto,¹¹

1. *Takes note* of the letter dated 12 November 2013 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee, and the annex thereto;¹¹

2. *Recalls* its resolution 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, and in this context stresses the importance of the functions of the Advisory Committee, as well as the need to perform them in full independence and with a view to providing the technical expertise required for the deliberations of the General Assembly;

3. *Recognizes* the increasing workload and complexity of issues considered by the Advisory Committee, and therefore considers that the current operational arrangements of the Committee, including the conditions of service of its members, should be improved;

4. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to elaborate a comprehensive assessment of its operational arrangements and, on that basis, to formulate:

(a) Recommendations for improving the conditions of service of its members, in particular their health insurance coverage, privileges and immunities and conditions of remuneration;

(b) Measures to strengthen the efficiency of its working practices in order to better meet the needs of the General Assembly, in particular by reviewing its internal procedures, including its organization of work, and by establishing a code of conduct for all its members on the basis of the principles set out in paragraph 2 above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly for its consideration as soon as possible, but not later than at the first part of its resumed seventieth session, and preferably during the main part, the assessment, recommendations and measures mentioned in paragraph 4 above, accompanied by his comments and views on the recommendations referred to in paragraph 4 (a), with a view to facilitating a decision of the Assembly on those recommendations;

6. *Authorizes* the members of the Advisory Committee, pending a decision of the General Assembly on the recommendations mentioned in paragraph 4 (a) above, to enrol in the United Nations health insurance plans at their own expense, in accordance with the rules and procedures set out in the relevant information circular;

¹¹ A/C.5/68/13.

VI

Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja

Recalling section II of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, section II of its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243 of 24 December 2009, section II.A of its resolution 65/259, its resolution 66/246 of 24 December 2011, section III of its resolution 66/263 of 21 June 2012, section III of its resolution 67/246 of 24 December 2012 and its resolution 68/246,

Having considered the sixth progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project,¹² the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system¹³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General¹² and the note by the Secretary-General;¹³
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Accepts* the report of the Board of Auditors;¹³
4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;
5. *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of Umoja since the issuance of the fifth progress report,¹⁵ but expresses its concern about delays in the implementation of the project and the additional funding requirements;
6. *Stresses* the centrality of the leadership and oversight of the Secretary-General and senior management and of the commitment by all departments to completing the Umoja project in order to avoid further delays in implementation and a recurrence of the mistakes made to date and the consequent negative implications for the Organization;
7. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, recognizes the governance risk that potential conflicts between the heads of business units and the project owner and project director present to the budget, timetable and adoption of the project, and strongly urges the Secretary-General to consider resolving conflicts expeditiously through the Management Committee;
8. *Welcomes* efforts taken to strengthen the compacts with senior managers specifically relating to Umoja in order to ensure the accountability of senior management;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take proactive measures to address the remaining challenges and risks relating to the implementation of Umoja and to ensure that the project is fully deployed by December 2018, in line with the revised timeline approved by the General Assembly in section III of its resolution 67/246;
10. *Notes* the requirements necessary for the successful adoption of the agreed-upon business practices for the Umoja solution, as outlined in paragraph 47 of the report of the Secretary-General, and looks forward to receiving updated information on concrete actions taken to fulfil these requirements in the next progress report;

¹² A/69/385 and Corr.1.

¹³ A/69/158.

¹⁴ A/69/418.

¹⁵ A/68/375 and Add.1.

11. *Takes note* of paragraphs 64 and 65 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to report in the seventh annual progress report on the mainstreaming plan, with a view to ensuring a smooth and successful handover of the project to the Chief Information Technology Officer;

12. *Stresses* the importance of training for the successful implementation of Umoja, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that senior managers include provision for training in Umoja as part of an integrated approach to training and capacity development in their work units;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, reaffirms section III, paragraphs 13 and 14, of its resolution 67/246, notes that insufficient progress has been made in the development of benefit realization plans, and requests the Secretary-General to accelerate the development of such plans, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and to report thereon in the next annual progress report, without prejudice to established budgetary procedures and the prerogatives of the Fifth Committee, which is entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

14. *Also recalls* paragraph 74 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the temporary nature of the position of the Umoja Senior Deployment Coordinator for Headquarters at the Assistant Secretary-General level, and requests the Secretary-General, in this specific case, to finance this position through existing general temporary assistance resources and, should a post be required for an extended period, to submit a proposal for its consideration in the context of the next progress report;

15. *Further recalls* paragraph 77 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to refine the Organization's commercial approach with a view to maximizing value from its major suppliers;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide detailed information in the next progress report on indirect costs relating to the implementation of Umoja and to establish clear procedures for the capture and central recording of this information, and reiterates its request to absorb such costs within the approved budget of each department;

17. *Notes with concern* the significant increase over the budget initially approved for the Umoja project, and also notes the additional resource requirements in the amount of 54.3 million dollars projected for the biennium 2016–2017;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to eliminate cost overruns through efficiency measures and sound project management and to avoid any further upward revision of the budget during the remaining project schedule, up to the time at which Umoja is fully deployed;

19. *Recalls* section III, paragraph 17, of its resolution 67/246, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to include in the next annual progress report a detailed analysis of the project costs against clear budget lines and deliverables and a detailed project plan, including milestones, deliverables, costs and baseline information that can be used to assess progress as the project evolves;

20. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 5,538,200 dollars under section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015, representing the regular budget share for additional Umoja project costs to 31 December 2015;

21. *Notes* that resource requirements in the amount of 22,891,500 dollars will be included in the subsequent requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;

22. *Also notes* that requirements in the amount of 8,492,100 dollars will be funded from extrabudgetary resources in the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015;

VII

Comprehensive business case for the application of flexible workplace strategies at the United Nations

Recalling section V of its resolution 67/246, section III of its resolution 67/254 A and section IV of its resolution 68/247 B,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁶
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Notes* the progress made since the issuance of the previous report on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters,¹⁸ and commends the efforts of the Secretary-General in this regard;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to implement the planned activities in the next steps as outlined in section XI of his report,¹⁶ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to review the costs of implementation of the project, including through reviewing reductions, to the maximum extent possible, in the personal information technology package, respecting the replacement cycle of information and communications technology equipment, reusing existing desktop personal computers that have been replaced, reducing new furniture requirements through the reuse of existing furniture and limiting light construction work;
6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to present information on the possibilities for cost recovery, including through the sale of used furniture and information and communications technology equipment;
7. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to assess the impact of the flexible workplace pilot on productivity and reflect reliable qualitative and quantitative benefit indicators as well as other factors for the improvement of overall productivity and staff well-being;
8. *Also recalls* paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reaffirms section IV, paragraph 6, of its resolution 68/247 B;
9. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to seek complementarities between flexible workplace strategies and flexible working arrangements, and in this regard requests him to provide information on arrangements for staff to work in remote locations, including from home, under the guidance of the interdisciplinary working group, with an emphasis on addressing the requirements of staff with special needs, including those with disabilities, the elderly, expecting parents and parents with newborn and young children;
10. *Recalls* paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to incorporate flexible workplace strategies in the ongoing design of the

¹⁶ A/69/749.

¹⁷ A/69/810.

¹⁸ A/68/387.

strategic heritage plan, in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution, and to report thereon in the context of the next report on the strategic heritage plan;

11. *Takes note* of paragraph 34 (f) of the report of the Advisory Committee, authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to an amount of 5,819,000 dollars in respect of the project costs through 2015, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to seek efficiencies with the aim of reducing the cost of implementing the strategies, taking into account the provisions of paragraphs 5 and 6 above, and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the information on the implementation of paragraphs 4 to 7 and 9 above in the context of the next progress report, to be submitted to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed seventieth session;

VIII

Capital master plan

Recalling its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/234 and 56/236 of 24 December 2001, 56/286 of 27 June 2002, section II of its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002, its resolution 59/295 of 22 June 2005, section II of its resolution 60/248 of 23 December 2005, its resolutions 60/256 of 8 May 2006, 60/282 of 30 June 2006, 61/251 of 22 December 2006, 62/87 of 10 December 2007, 63/270 of 7 April 2009, 64/228 of 22 December 2009, 65/269 of 4 April 2011, section III of its resolution 66/258 of 9 April 2012, section V of its resolution 67/246, section IV of its resolution 68/247 A of 27 December 2013 and section VII of its resolution 68/247 B and its decisions 58/566 of 8 April 2004, 65/543 of 24 December 2010 and 66/555 of 24 December 2011,

Having considered the twelfth annual progress report of the Secretary-General,¹⁹ the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2013,²⁰ the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2013²¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²²

1. *Takes note* of the twelfth annual progress report of the Secretary-General,¹⁹ the report of the Board of Auditors²⁰ and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;²¹

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;²²

3. *Accepts* the report of the Board of Auditors;

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;

5. *Stresses* the special role of the host country Government with regard to support for United Nations Headquarters in New York;

6. *Notes* the benefits, including economic benefits, accruing to host countries from the presence of the United Nations, and the costs incurred;

¹⁹ A/69/360.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 5, vol. V (A/69/5(Vol. V))*.

²¹ See A/69/353, sect. III.

²² A/69/529.

7. *Affirms* that the costs of the remaining activities will be met from the resources of the capital master plan project;

8. *Notes* the forthcoming closure of the Office of the Capital Master Plan and the transfer of tasks to the Office of Central Support Services, and calls upon the Secretary-General to expedite the remaining activities and final financial close-out of the project;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure proper mechanisms of accountability as well as clear reporting lines after the closure of the Office of the Capital Master Plan and to report thereon in the context of the thirteenth annual progress report;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 19 of its resolution 65/269, and reaffirms its support for the timely deconstruction and removal of the temporary North Lawn Building;

11. *Also recalls* section IV, paragraph 12, of its resolution 68/247 A, and requests the Secretary-General to engage in high-level conversations with the host city with a view to addressing the pending security concerns in relation to the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and the South Annex Buildings and to report on this matter in the context of the thirteenth annual progress report;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the commemorative value of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library;

13. *Recalls* paragraphs 64 and 72 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to submit, in the thirteenth annual progress report, measures being taken as well as those envisaged for the relocation of functions currently housed in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and South Annex Buildings;

14. *Reaffirms its commitment* to the renovation of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and South Annex Buildings, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval future proposals relating to the renovation of these two buildings as separate projects outside of the scope of the capital master plan through established procedures;

15. *Notes* that the final cost of the capital master plan project, as presented by the Secretary-General, is 2,304.8 million dollars;

16. *Recognizes* the need to fund the final shortfall of the capital master plan project in the amount of 154,852,400 dollars, decides to appropriate this amount to the General Fund, and also decides that this amount shall be financed as follows:

(a) Through contributions by Member States in an amount of 85,239,000 dollars, consisting of:

(i) 40,239,000 dollars, being the unencumbered balance for the biennium 2012–2013, and decides in this regard that the provision for the application of credits under regulations 3.2 (d), 5.3 and 5.4 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations shall be suspended;

(ii) 45 million dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

(b) By applying the credit of 33 million dollars resulting from the cancellation of prior-period obligations corresponding to the biennium 2012–2013, and decides in this regard that regulations 3.2 (d), 5.3 and 5.4 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations shall be suspended;

(c) By authorizing the Secretary-General to credit from the Special Account established in its resolution 3049 A (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, on an exceptional basis and without setting any precedent, an amount of 36,613,400 dollars to the General Fund;

17. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to credit to the capital master plan fund an amount of 154,852,400 dollars from the General Fund;

18. *Recalls* paragraph 39 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Committee to request the Board of Auditors to continue to report annually on the capital master plan, including the remaining activities of the project, until the final close-out of the accounts;

IX

Study on recosting and options for the Organization in dealing with fluctuations in exchange rates and inflation

Recalling paragraph 10 of its resolution 68/246 and section XII, paragraph 8, of its resolution 69/262,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Panel of Experts on the study on recosting and options for the Organization in dealing with fluctuations in exchange rates and inflation²³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁴

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;²³
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;²⁴
3. *Also endorses* the recommendations in paragraph 54 of the report of the High-level Panel of Experts, and decides to use forward exchange rates in preparing future budget estimates, commencing with the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the impact of the use of forward exchange rates in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;
5. *Recalls* section XII, paragraph 6, of its resolution 69/262, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a more comprehensive assessment of the experience of forward purchasing, including the amount of currency purchased, the contract period, the exchange rate used in the purchase and the transaction costs involved, in the context of his first and second performance reports on the programme budget;
6. *Also recalls* paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, emphasizes the prerogatives of the International Civil Service Commission and the role of the Office of Human Resources Management of the Department of Management of the Secretariat in determining the methodology for post adjustment multipliers and the cost-of-living adjustment, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the Commission with the best estimates for inflation in order to improve forecast estimates for inflation-driven recosting;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General not to take action on sections VII and VIII of the report of the High-level Panel of Experts,²⁵ without prejudice to paragraph 10 below;
8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the deployment of Umoja Extension 2 addresses the current shortcomings regarding the visibility of and the internal flow of information in the Programme Planning and Budget Division of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, and in this regard also requests the Secretary-General to

²³ A/69/381.

²⁴ A/69/640.

review the data requirements of the Division and of the Treasury and to integrate those requirements in the design of the budget formulation module;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 46 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and acknowledges that the General Assembly did not specify the requisite composition of the Panel of Experts in paragraph 10 of its resolution 68/246;

10. *Also recalls* paragraph 10 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, and stresses the need for a comprehensive solution to the problem of recosting.

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*[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/846)]***69/275. Joint Inspection Unit***The General Assembly,*

Recalling its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007, 62/226 of 22 December 2007, 62/246 of 3 April 2008, 64/262 of 29 March 2010, 65/270 of 4 April 2011, 66/259 of 9 April 2012, 67/256 of 12 April 2013 and 68/266 of 9 April 2014,

Reaffirming the statute of the Unit¹ and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Having considered the report of the Unit for 2014 and programme of work for 2015² and the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2014,³

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2014 and programme of work for 2015;²

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2014;³

3. *Stresses* the importance of the oversight functions of the Unit in identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions within the participating organizations and providing the General Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations to improve and strengthen the governance of the United Nations as a whole;

4. *Recognizes* the need to continue to enhance the impact of the Unit on the management efficiency and transparency of the participating organizations within the United Nations system;

¹ Resolution 31/192, annex.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/69/34).*

³ A/69/747.



5. *Also recognizes* that the effectiveness of the Unit system-wide is a shared responsibility of the Unit, the Member States and the secretariats of the participating organizations;
6. *Welcomes* the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue to share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies, as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, with a view to avoiding overlap or duplication and achieving further synergy, cooperation, effectiveness and efficiency, without prejudice to the respective mandates of the audit and oversight bodies;
7. *Also welcomes* the continued reform efforts undertaken by the Unit to better serve the interests of the participating organizations and Member States, and encourages the Unit to continue its efforts, including on selection of the subjects for its programme of work;
8. *Further welcomes* the initiative of the Unit of establishing a roster of potential topics for its programme of work for the biennium 2016–2017;
9. *Reiterates its request* to the Unit to consider optimizing the number of projects in its programme of work through prioritization;
10. *Also reiterates its request* to the Unit to issue its reports in all the official languages of the United Nations, well in advance of meetings of the legislative organs of participating organizations so that the reports can be thoroughly and effectively utilized in their deliberations;
11. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments, including information on what they intend to do regarding the recommendations of the Unit, to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs and to provide information on the steps to be taken to implement those recommendations accepted by the legislative organs and the executive heads of participating organizations;
12. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;
13. *Reaffirms* article 20 of the statute of the Unit,¹ in which it is stipulated that the Unit shall be invited to be represented at meetings when its budget estimates are being discussed;
14. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 15 of its resolution 64/262 and paragraph 7 of its resolution 65/270, in view of the ongoing development of the medium- and long-term strategy for 2010–2019, to reflect the appropriate resource requirements associated with the implementation of the relevant portions of the strategy, in the context of the proposed programme budgets;
15. *Requests* the heads of participating organizations to make full use of the web-based system of the Unit and to provide an in-depth analysis of how the recommendations of the Unit are being implemented;
16. *Welcomes* the benefit and utility of the web-based system for tracking recommendations of the Unit, highlights the importance of maintaining the system,

and encourages the Unit to develop indicators of achievement to measure how the system has improved the tracking of recommendations and to report thereon in its next report.

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Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals,
Arusha branch***The General Assembly,**Recalling* its resolutions 66/240 B of 21 June 2012, 67/244 A of 24 December 2012, 67/244 B of 12 April 2013, 68/257 of 27 December 2013 and 68/267 of 9 April 2014,*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. *Reiterates its appreciation* for the continued support of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania in facilitating the construction of the new facility;
2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
4. *Welcomes* the continued efforts made by the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals to seek cooperation with other judicial institutions;
5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge and capacity in the implementation of the project;
6. *Notes* that office accommodation will be adjustable for various staffing requirements, including through the use of shared areas within the facility without increasing its overall size, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide information on this matter in the context of future progress reports;

¹ A/69/734.² A/69/788.

7. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to ensure that lessons learned and best practices are shared and applied to ongoing and future capital projects, as appropriate;
8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take all measures necessary to mitigate potential risks and to ensure that the construction project is monitored closely and is completed within the approved timeline and resources;
9. *Emphasizes* that contingency provisions approved for construction projects serve to provide necessary safeguards against unforeseen cost overruns during project implementation, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, in the future, any cost overruns are first met from compensatory reductions identified elsewhere through efficiencies in order to obviate to the extent possible the need for drawdown from contingency provisions;
10. *Notes with concern* the higher-than-budgeted amount awarded for the architectural and engineering consultancy services as well as the construction contracts, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to seek efficiencies throughout the implementation of the project and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;
11. *Recalls* paragraphs 31 and 32 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to continue to explore the possibilities for utilizing usable furniture and equipment from the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 and the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 in the Mechanism, where possible and economical, and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;
12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to update Member States regularly, through the Office of Central Support Services of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, on the progress of the construction project;
13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the first part of its resumed seventieth session, a progress report on the implementation of the project, outlining, inter alia, the project expenditures and total costs.

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